

# PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

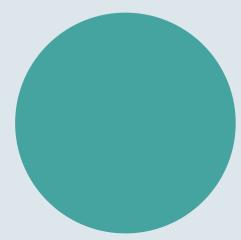
In one city, it can take an entrepreneur hours to get to the resources they need. In another, it can take a 15 minute bike ride down a bike path lined with trees, research centres, cafes, venture capital firms, historic buildings, co-working spaces, art, and people engaging in lively conversation. Which city would you want to be an entrepreneur in?"

- Ron Jaicarran, President of Imagine Cities



# **OUR STORY**

In response to the immense change brought on by the 4th Industrial Revolution, the private and public sector invested in platforms that provide access to the knowledge and skills their employees need to effectively adapt to this new industrial period. Similarly, our digital platform provides access to the resources needed for cities, and the communities that exist within them, to adapt and thrive in this era of exponential change.



# McKinsey Global Institute

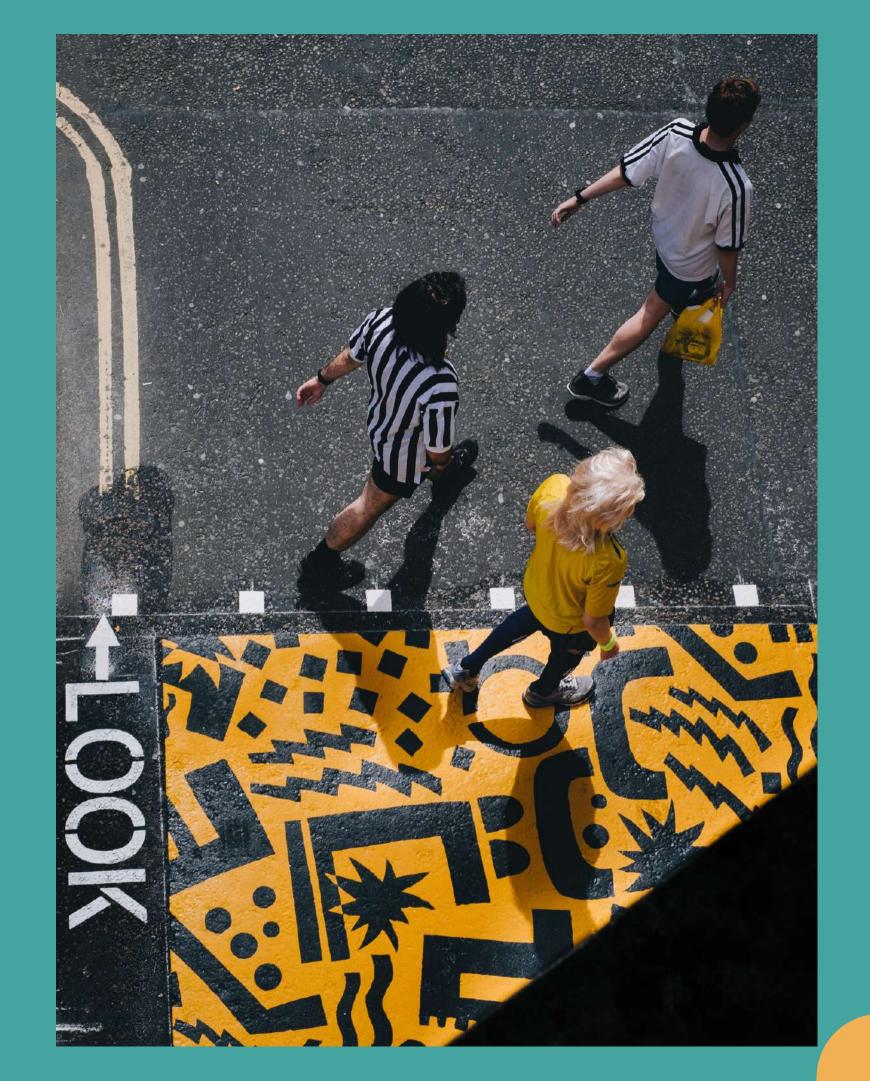
"[By 2026], the makeup of the group of 600 top cities will change as the centre of gravity of the urban world moves south and, even more decisively, east. One of every three developed market cities will no longer make the top 600...by 2025, we expect 136 new cities to enter the top 600."

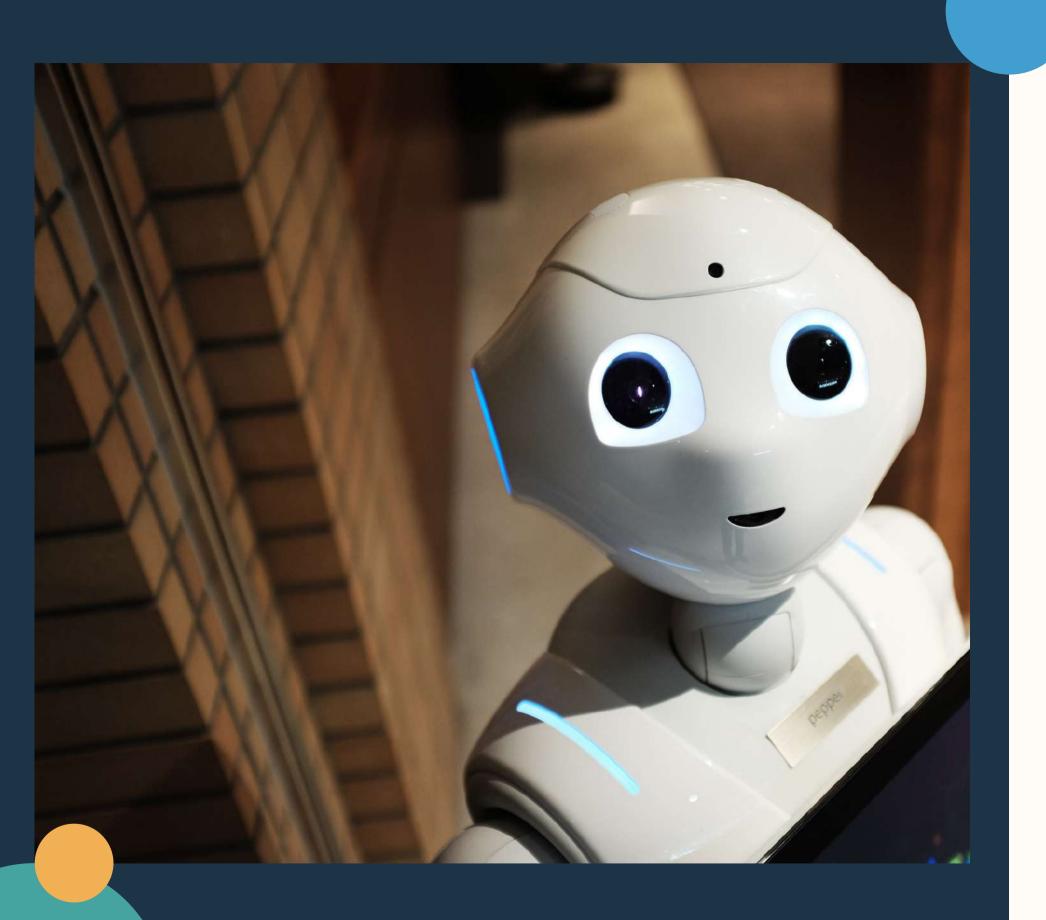
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# OUR AUDIENCE

While we intend to expand our audience to include the public and private sectors, our initial focus is on local community organizations. These are organizations established to meet local needs. In Calgary, these are called community associations while in San Francisco, they are called community benefit districts. While they have different names, they serve a similar purpose which is to organize resources to meet local needs under a locally recognized governance structure.

If you would like to learn more about the organizations we support, take a look at <u>Sunalta</u> <u>Community Association</u>, <u>Fernwood Neighbourhood</u> <u>Resource Group</u>, <u>Tenderloin Community Benefit</u> <u>District</u> or <u>Bloor West Village BIA</u>.





#### DIGITAL PRODUCTS

The ability to accomplish our mission is rooted in our three digital assets: a cities research search engine, learning guides, and a project portal.

Our digital products create a complete ecosystem that provides access to resources to enable the ongoing change required to adapt to a fast paced world.

# SOLVING PROBLEMS



#### **ACCESS TO CREDIBLE RESEARCH**

In an era where media outlets have proliferated significantly, it's becoming increasingly difficult to find credible content to guide decision making.

#### Search Engine

Modeled after Google's search engine, our search engine provides research that is specific to cities. We collect and share research across 18 different research categories. You can learn about building more resilient local economies or how to improve mental health across your community. The research we collect is guided by feedback from users.



#### **ACCESS TO SKILLS & TOOLS**

Innovation occurs everywhere. Through our research, we find community leaders who use creative skills to create tools that improve their neighbourhoods.
Unfortunately, these skills and tools are not widely accessible for leaders to use.

#### **→** Learning Guides

Modeled after MOOC platforms like
Coursera, we package skills and tools
into easy to understand digital learning
guides that uses multimedia to create
an engaging learning experience.
Users can apply these skills and tools
in their community, creating
experiences that embed a stronger
culture of experimentation and
innovation to solve problems in cities.

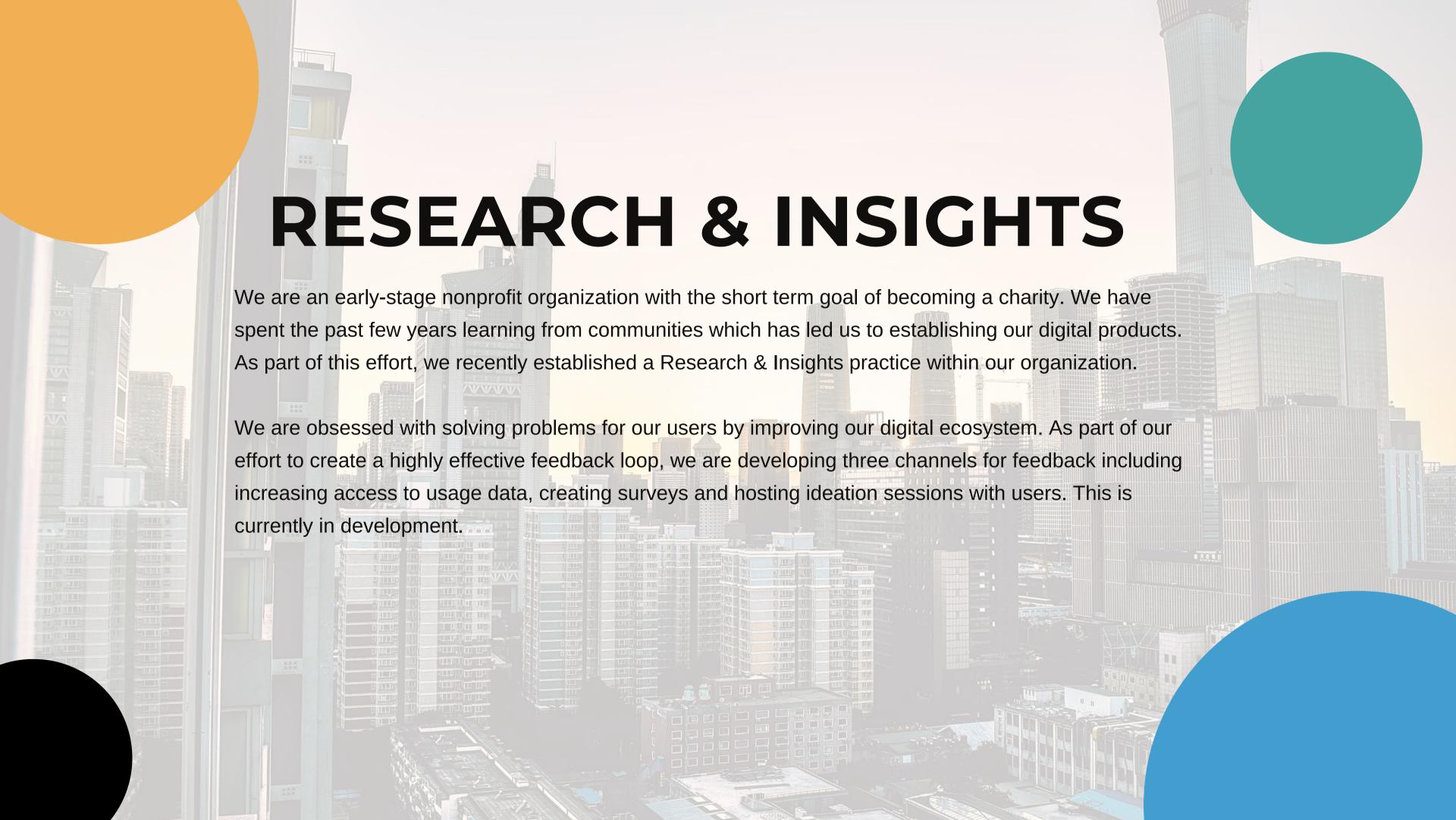


#### **ACCESS TO TALENT**

In an era where increasingly advanced skillsets are being used to identify and solve complex problems, access to these skills are often cost prohibitive for community organizations.

#### --- Project Portal

We partner with post-secondaries to provide students with real world experience through community-based projects where they can apply the skills they have learned. This opportunity could be in person or remote. Students will work with community leaders and upon successful completion of the project, they will receive course credits. These projects could include updating a website, implementing a marketing strategy for a local event, analyzing data to find local insights, or building a bench for a local park.



# WHY SUPPORT IMAGINE CITIES?

#### **Thrive**

Support the development of more thriving communities by accessing much needed resources that enable adaptation.

#### **Skills & Tools**

Provide communities with access to a growing library of skills and tools to adapt to change.

#### **Global Reach**

As a digital platform, we have the opportunity to have scale globally. Join us early in our journey to build a global community.

#### **More Informed Decisions**

Assist communities in accessing the research to make more informed decisions.

#### **Stronger Culture**

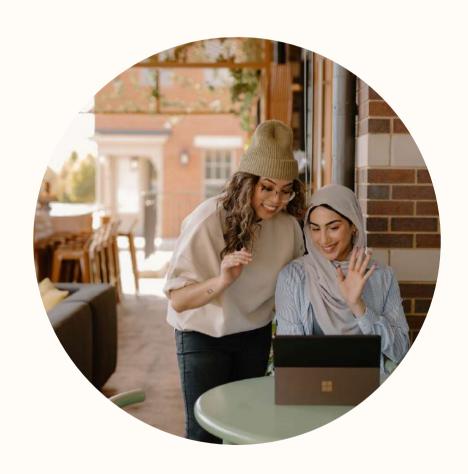
Embed a stronger culture of problem solving, experimentation and innovation directly into the streets of your city.

#### **Free of Charge**

Your support allows us to keep our digital products free for local community organizations.

# MEMBERSHIP

Become a member and be invited to two exclusive digital city-making conversation events per year, which includes an online after party.



**BASIC MEMBERSHIP** 

\$25

Includes 2 tickets to our online events per year



**CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP** 

\$200

Includes 8 tickets to our online events per year



NONPROFIT/CHARITY MEMBERSHIP

\$100

Includes 8 tickets to our online events per year



#### **NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP**

- \$500 per year
- We publish four newsletters per year
- Your company logo will be placed in a prominent position on our newsletter
- Your company will also be mentioned across our social media channels two times per year



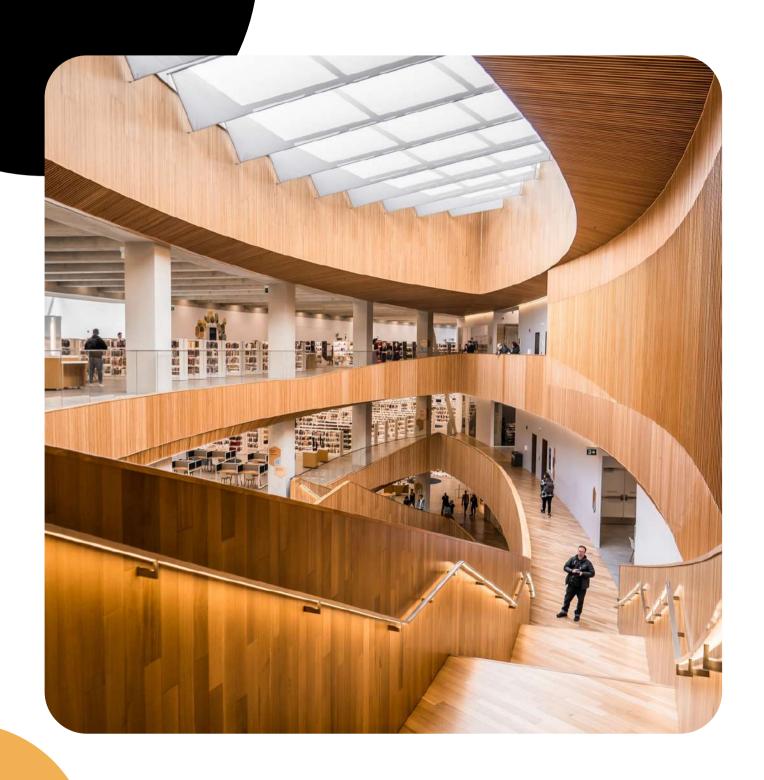
## WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP

- \$1,500 per year
- Your company logo will be added to the homepage of our website in a prominent place for 12 months
- You company will also be mentioned across our social media channels two times per year



#### SEARCH ENGINE SPONSORSHIP

- \$1,500 per year
- Your company logo will be added to the homepage of our research search engine in a prominent place for 12 months
- Your company will also be mentioned across our social media channels two times per year



# DIGITAL LEARNING GUIDES SPONSORSHIP

- \$1,500 per year
- Your company logo will be added to the homepage of our digital learning guides in a prominent place for 12 months
- Your company will also be mentioned across our social media channels two times per year



## **USE OUR DIGITAL TOOLS**

Our success is dependent on users utilizing our digital tools. Use them often to support your organization's effort to build thriving communities.



#### PROVIDE FEEDBACK

We are obsessed with improving our digital tools to serve you better. Provide us with feedback!

#### You can participate in two ways:

- 1. Provide feedback by using our online <a href="survey"><u>survey</u></a>.
- 2. Join one of our ideation sessions to develop solutions to the problems identified in our survey.



#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

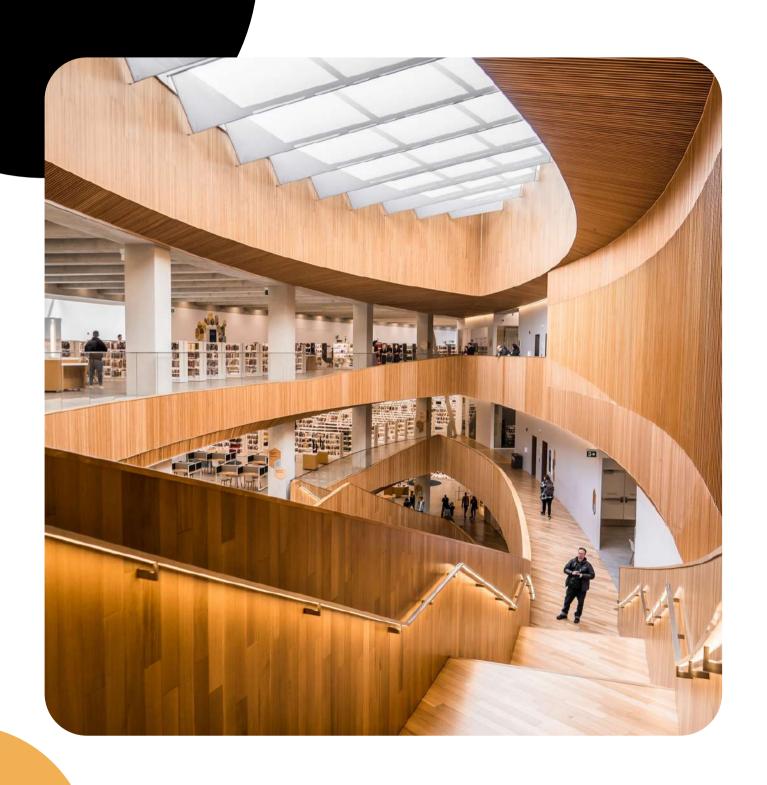
If you are interested in learning more about our organization, we can provide you with an in person or virtual presentation alongside a Q&A period. Use this <u>form</u> to make the request.

**Note:** due to demand and time constraints, we require a minimum of 5 attendees at each presentation.



# SHARE OUR RESOURCES

Share our digital tools with your network to create more awareness about our organization.



#### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You can follow our organization on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

You can also sign up for our quarterly newsletter.



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